

WERE LEADERS IN VERMONT

William B. Viall Died at Randolph Today

A PROMINENT DEMOCRAT

Daniel W. Robinson of Burlington Passed Away To-day—He Was a Well Known Business Man and Club Member.

Randolph, Dec. 29.—William B. Viall, one of the prominent citizens of Vermont, died at his home here this morning at five o'clock.

His parents were A. Baynton and Lucy (Newhall) Viall of Dorset, and he was born in that town on October 10, 1842.

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STILL PRESIDENT, SAYS ZELAYA

Man Who Is Fleeing from Nicaragua to Mexico Gives Out a Statement.

Corobola, Mexico, Dec. 29.—Jose Santos Zelaya declared last night that he is still president of Nicaragua, although he may never go back to that country to enjoy the privileges of the office.

Zelaya admitted that he was told he could board the British cruiser Shearwater, only with the understanding that he was to agree to leave Nicaragua forever. The condition he declined to accept.

Mexico, on the other hand, he declared, made no reservations in granting him permission to board the Guerrero.

Zelaya said that he was still the head of the Nicaraguan government. He was leaving his country for an indefinite period in the hope that affairs there would quiet down.

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HAPPY SPAN OF 50 YEARS

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas G. Roben Observed Anniversary

VISITED BY MANY FRIENDS

Their Early Romance Started on Board Ship, Coming from British Isles, Recalled by Lines from J. P. Marr's Pen Last Night.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas G. Roben of South Barre was celebrated in a fitting manner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Thomas Sheriffs, of Madison street, yesterday afternoon and last evening.

Everything was done to make the arrangements and decorations at the house in keeping with the celebration, and the various rooms were trimmed with golden crepe paper. The evening passed with song and story and the reading of original poems.

Mr. Roben is 77 years of age and Mrs. Roben 73, they were as lively as any in the company which came to help them make merry, and two songs, "My Highland Home," and "We Have Lived and Loved Together," which Mrs. Roben sang, were given in a voice nearly as sweet and clear as a girl's.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and guests were served during the evening, the guests being served by Misses Jean Darling, Marguerite Sheriffs, Jean Sheriffs and Florence Inglis.

The meeting and courtship of this now aged couple was somewhat romantic. Mr. Roben was born in Scotland in 1833 and in 1858 he sailed to England to visit the former home of his father.

He spent several weeks and had taken the ship for home, when he met Miss Maggie Montgomery, who, a few months later, became his wife.

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AGED WOMAN KURT.

Michael A. Mack Accused of Assault at Nashua.

Nashua, N. H., Dec. 29.—Michael A. Mack was arrested last night by Patrolmen James McLaughlin and Harvey Polard, charged with an assault on Mrs. James Robertson.

Mrs. Robertson, who 76 years old, endeavored to defend her niece, and Mack turned upon her, it is alleged, and badly injured her face. Dr. P. J. McLaughlin took night stitches in her cheek.

The assault took place about 6:30 o'clock and Mrs. Mack left town on a train at about the same time. Mack was intoxicated when brought to the station house.

Another chapter was added to-day to the Kenneth McAulay robbery case, in previous chapters of which Joseph Guidici was held for county court on the charge of larceny from that person, only to escape from the local police station by forcing his cell door on the morning he was to have been taken to the county jail in default of bail.

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DIDN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES

Police Hauled Frank Coffrin Out of Bed Early Today

MAKING TRIP IN NIGHT

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ALDERMEN REFUSED CONTRACTOR'S REQUEST

Long & Co., Builders of Orange Brook Storage Reservoir, Wanted Part of the Contract Price Which Was Held Back.

The board of aldermen had a short session at their regular meeting last evening, there being but little business to transact. A letter from Joseph Long & company, the contractors who are building the Orange brook reservoir, was read by Alderman Alexander, chairman of the water committee, making a formal request that the city grant them an extension of time in which to complete the dam; and they also petitioned the city to pay them 5 per cent. of the 16 per cent. of the contract price, which, under the terms of the contract, the city is holding back until the dam is completed.

They claimed that it was owing to the quicksand, which was struck when the dam was first started, that the dam was not completed in contract time, and as this trouble was nothing for which they were responsible, they thought the city could see its way clear to pay them the amount, which would be about \$1,100. The city would then have back 10 per cent. which they are to hold for six months after the dam is completed. There was considerable discussion over the question, and the board finally decided that there was no other way than for them to follow the strict terms of the contract; but the question of extension of time was referred to the water committee to investigate and find out how much time will be needed next spring to complete the dam and make a report.

The report of the city engineer on the house numbers on Lawrence avenue was read and accepted. The lighting committee recommended that a trolley street light be installed on Tremont street, and the light was ordered installed.

At the public hearing, which was advertised to be held on the question of setting aside Beckley street for easting purposes, three men appeared and spoke in favor of this street in place of Pleasant street, and a petition signed by 41 residents on the street and in the vicinity was presented, requesting the board to change from Pleasant to Beckley street. The reason for the change, as set up by the petitioners, was that as Pleasant street joined Beckley street, the children had to slide across Beckley street, and that the position of the houses at the corners of the two streets the children could not see teams on Beckley street until they were right upon them, and too late to stop without running into them.

On motion of Alderman Campbell, it was voted to close Pleasant street and open Beckley street, with the restriction that the owners must not start their sleds on the hill and above the Thomas Emerson residence and must not slide onto Main street.

Alderman Alexander reported that a resident of ward two wanted the board to set aside Park street in addition to East street in that ward for the reason that the older boys of the crowd which slide on East street had crowded the young children out, by making conditions unpleasant for them. Alderman Campbell thought the best of Tremont street would be a more suitable place than Park street, and the matter was referred to Alderman Alexander and Campbell to investigate and report.

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UNION HAS PROPOSITION

If Approved by Northfield Will be Submitted to

BARRE MANUFACTURERS

At Conference To-morrow—Meeting of Union in Northfield This Afternoon. Delegates Return from Quincy.

A meeting of Northfield branch, G. C. I. A., is being held, this afternoon to hear the reports of the delegates sent to Quincy, Mass., to confer with Secretary Duncan, in an effort to devise some way of securing a settlement of present differences in the granite industry in that town. The delegates to Quincy included two from Northfield branch, one from Barre, one from Montpelier, one from Waterbury and one from Williamstown. Two conferences were held, the second with the international union committee yesterday forenoon, and the result was